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Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications.

1 AN ACT Relating to developing regional compacts for siting electric
2 transmission lines; adding a new section to chapter 80.50 RCW; creating
3 a new section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 create a regional process for the siting of new electric transmission
7 lines related to the national energy policy act of 2005. This regional
8 process will facilitate the siting of new cross borders electric
9 transmission lines by providing a "one stop" licensing process. This
10 act calls for the creation of a legislative task force to establish an
11 interstate compact to assert jurisdiction over national interest
12 electric transmission corridors.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 80.50 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1)(a) A legislative task force on national interest electric
16 transmission corridors is established, with members as provided in this
17 subsection.

1 (i) The chair and the ranking minority member from the senate
2 water, energy and environment committee;

3 (ii) The chair and the ranking minority member from the house of
4 representatives technology, energy and communications committee;

5 (iii) The governor shall appoint five members representing the
6 energy facility site evaluation council, local governments, resource
7 agencies, or other persons with appropriate expertise.

8 (b) The task force shall choose its cochairs representing the
9 senate and house of representatives from among its legislative
10 membership.

11 (2)(a) The task force shall negotiate the terms of an interstate
12 compact that establishes a regional process for siting national
13 interest electric transmission corridors satisfactory to the national
14 energy policy act of 2005.

15 (b) In negotiating the terms of the compact, the task force shall
16 ensure that the compact reflects as close as possible the Washington
17 state energy facility site evaluation council model under this chapter
18 and its procedures to ensure appropriate adjudicative proceedings and
19 mitigation of environmental impacts.

20 (c) The task force shall negotiate the terms of the compact through
21 processes established and supported by the Pacific Northwest economic
22 region for which the state of Washington is a party as referenced in
23 RCW 43.147.010.

24 (3) Staff support for the task force members shall be provided from
25 respective committees and appropriate agencies appointed by the
26 governor.

27 (4) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
28 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
29 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
30 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
31 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

32 (5) The task force shall report its preliminary recommendations on
33 the compact to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January
34 1, 2008.

35 (6) The task force shall report its final recommendations on the
36 compact to the appropriate committees of the legislature by September

1 1, 2008.

2 (7) This section expires July 1, 2009.

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